



Frank Ishizaki
FBI Special Agent, Retired

His first job was that of a goat herder in the hills of Santa Rita, a village in the southern part of the island of Guam. His first exposure to the English language was when he attended the first grade at Santa Rita Elementary. He attended Agat Junior High and GW High School at JFK where he graduated in 1966. He attended the University of Guam and was the institution's first baccalaureate graduate in chemistry.

He was a popular young Physics teacher at Father Duenas Memorial High School in 1971, who threw chalk and erasers at inattentive students and whose final exam was a picnic trek to Talafofo Falls

He was hired by the Department of Public Safety (now the Guam Police Department) and the forward thinking Chief had a vision that some day Guam would have its own crime laboratory. The Chief saw Frank as the instrument through which his dream could become a reality. Frank convinced the chief however, that being armed with a bachelors degree was not sufficient education to successfully achieve that goal. The Government of Guam sent him to graduate school. He attended the University of Pittsburgh where he earned his masters degree in Forensic Chemistry. That education was immediately tested upon his return to the island. He was tasked with the honor, responsibility and challenge of creating and administrating the island's premier crime laboratory.

After serving the people of Guam for eight years, he was "drafted" or actually talked into applying for and taking the exam to become an FBI Agent. He was destined to become a pioneer as the first FBI Special Agent recruited from the island of Guam. His decision to accept the position took him away from the island for the next twenty years.

His career within the bureau provided the opportunity to travel the globe to Hungary, Japan, England, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, the FSM, Republic of Palau, Canada, Yap, and the former Soviet Union as an investigator and police instructor. He was a U.S. Delegate to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan for weapon's of mass destruction, forensic science and crime scene investigation assessment. He has lectured about forensic science and crime scene investigations, organized crime and drug investigations, surveillance techniques, and terrorism to domestic and international law enforcement personnel

and at the FBI Academy. He was an IAACI officer and award winner. Frank was Evidence Response Team Coordinator of the Los Angeles FBI field office. He became a member of the "FBI Top-10 Club" with the capture of fugitive, Matulu Shakur in 1983. He participated in terrorism investigations, which include Abu Sayyaf Group kidnaping, mobilization for the bombings of US Embassies in Africa, 1984 and 1996 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and Atlanta.

During his twenty-two plus years of employment with the FBI, he was assigned to the Honolulu and Los Angeles field offices. In 1999 his wife Sharon in a rare moment of weakness gave in to his yearning to leave the daily three hour battle with the 101 and 405 Freeways and return to the island of his childhood. His last assignment within the FBI was to the Guam and Saipan offices where he served in the capacity of Supervisory Senior Resident Agent and directed public corruption and other investigations in Guam and the CNMI until his retirement in March 2002.

His retirement was short lived. By the second week of retirement he boarded an airplane bound toward Uzbekistan to teach an international police school for the FBI & US State Department.

He and Sharon formed a company, Ishizaki & Associates in order to provide consultations, law enforcement training, forensic science consultation services, and investigative services.

Frank had been a guest on Sorenson Pacific K-57 talk radio station. One of the hosts had decided to retire and thought that since Frank had the "gift of gab", he would make an excellent host. He decided to give it a try but on a small scale. Thus was born "Investigate This!" a popular one hour per week call in radio talk show.

Never one to rest long enough to allow grass to grow under his feet, he became an Associate Adjunct Professor for the University of Maryland's Asian Division and taught an "International Terrorism" course. He taught "Corrections in America" for The University of Guam.

Much of Frank's time heading up the FBI office in Guam was spent directing investigations into the area of public corruption. By most accounts it had run rampant within the Gov Guam administration. The results of the general election in November 2002 loudly proclaimed the loss of faith and trust in the previous administration and the disgust of the citizens regarding the deplorable state of the island. It was time for change. Two young men captured the imagination and the hope of the people with their promise of an honest and transparent government. Governor Felix Camacho and Lieutenant Governor Kaleo Moylan reached out to Frank and he told them that he would commit himself to help them achieve their goals. He had spent a career of thirty plus years in law enforcement, which meant that all his efforts were directed at investigating crime and building cases which could be successfully prosecuted. He'd spent thirty plus years putting criminals behind bars, thus his appointment as Director, Department of Corrections of the Government of Guam was unexpected. Upon reflection he realized that this appointment made perfect sense with respect to the "circle of life ". How ironic that now he would be tasked with the care ,welfare, civil rights, education and rehabilitation of those same criminals.

His appointment as Director of Corrections in 2003 would broaden his criminal justice knowledge with a better understanding of the mission and importance of corrections. He leaves the department with a deeper appreciation, understanding and conviction that what is needed is a balanced criminal justice system.

He looks upon his return to GPD as "coming home". He is armed with the managerial skills and the sincere desire necessary to be able to make a difference..